GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES SUFFERED BY NAFED
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution inits Report No. 10 of 2001 recommended enquiring thoroughly the matter of import of pulses at highest level and to fix responsibility and accountability in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired and accountability and responsibility fixed for the losses suffered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The recommendations of the Standing Committee contained in Report 10 of2001 were examined by the Government. As a follow up of the recommendation, the Standing Committee was informed that there is no need for an enquiry as the losses incurred in import of pulses by the NAFED were not due to their inefficiency but due tolower prices coupled with poor demand prevailing in the market at that time. The Government, however, agreed to follow a more systematic and careful approach in future in dealing with similar situations.